

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Report of the Government Statist (Mr. W. L. Johnston) upon Population,  
Migration and Building Activities for the year 1927.

(1) THE POPULATION OF THE STATE on 31st December 1927 was estimated to be 575,771 (566,394), an increase of 9,377 (14,761) equal to 1.66% (2.68%) for the year. The sources of increase were 6,364 (6,606) by excess of births over deaths and 3,013 (8,155) by migration. There was a gain of 5,103 from Oversea Countries and a loss of 2,090 by State migration.

(2) ASSISTED IMMIGRATION. 2,421 (1,993) immigrants arrived under the Joint Commonwealth and State Assisted Passage Scheme during the year, increase 428. Of the 1,146 male immigrants, 50 were farm hands and 47 other agricultural workers, 579 other workers, and 470 dependents (291 under 12 years of age and 179 between 12 and 19). Of the 1,275 females, 264 were domestic workers, 124 other workers and 887 dependents (under 12 years - 290; 12 to 19 years - 133; 19 years and over - 464).

(3) THE POPULATION OF THE METROPOLIS on 31st December 1927 was estimated to be 327,686 (316,865) equal to 56.91% (55.94%) of the population of the State. Chief Centres - City of Adelaide 37,719; City of Unley 41,636; City of Port Adelaide 33,765; District Councils of Woodville 24,524; Burnside 22,144; Prospect 19,682; Mitcham 16,379; West Torrens 15,818; Payneham 7,354; Walkerville 4,794; Municipalities of Kensington and Norwood 15,924; Thebarton 14,860; St. Peters 11,959; Hindmarsh 13,894; Glenelg 9,944; Brighton 8,336; Colonel Light Gardens 6,000; Henley and Grange 5,029.

(4) BIRTHS. These numbered for the year 11,492 (11,483) equal to 20.12 (20.55) per 1,000 of the mean population.

DEATHS numbered 5,128 (4,877) equal to 8.98 (8.73) per 1,000 of the population.

MARRIAGES numbered 4,501 (4,503) equal to 7.88 (8.06) per 1,000 of the population.

(5) BUILDINGS. The number of dwellings for which Building permits were issued in the Metropolitan Area during the year 1927 was 3,918 (3,543), decrease 625, the number in the chief centres being - City of Unley 256 (293), City of Port Adelaide 179 (156), District Councils of Woodville 516 (560), Mitcham 331 (303), West Torrens 27 (285), Burnside 224 (305), Prospect 239 (286), Marion 145 (233), Payneham 121 (99), and Corporations of Brighton 70 (88); Colonel Light Gardens 76 (358), Hindmarsh 64 (68), Kensington and Norwood 5 (92), St. Peters 35 (63), Thebarton 54 (32), and Henley and Grange 7 (18).

(a) The total expenditure on building operations in the Metropolitan Area for dwellings, other buildings and additions was £3,887,232 (£4,408,433).